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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence M. Baskin will retire as
3 Superintendent of Glen Ellyn Community Consolidated School
4 District 89 on June 29, 2005, after serving 11 years in that
5 capacity; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born May 27, 1947, in New York; he and his
7 wife, Barbara, have three daughters, Lindsay, Jamie, and Traci;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, He received a B.S. in history and education from
10 Bradley University in 1970, a M. Ed in Ed. Admin. & Supervision
11 from Loyola University of Chicago in 1973, and a Ed.D in Ed.
12 Admin. & Supervision from Loyola University of Chicago in 1984;
13 he also received advanced professional training over the years;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Baskin has devoted much of his professional
16 career to public education as a teacher, assistant principal,
17 principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent; and

18 WHEREAS, From 1992 to 1994, he was vice-president of the
19 Executive MBA program at Lake Forest Graduate School of
20 Management; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout his professional career, Dr. Baskin
22 has been focused on establishing and maintaining high quality
23 schools; his unique experiences and accomplishments in
24 educational leadership provided him with an enriched
25 background to meet the many challenges that face public
26 education; and

27 WHEREAS, One of the hallmarks of his superintendency has
28 been his collaborative approach and leadership with each member
29 of the Board of Education and with the Board as a whole; and

1 WHEREAS, He has been a presenter on a number of topics,
2 including Evaluating Principal Effectiveness, Culture in
3 School District Operations, and Communication Under Fire; and

4 WHEREAS, He has served as a member of the Governors Task
5 Force on Education, as the Chairperson of the Board of
6 Directors for the Cooperative Association for Special
7 Education and the DuPage County Superintendents Organization,
8 and the Co-Chairperson for the Consortium for Educational
9 Change; and

10 WHEREAS, During his tenure, he has been constant in his
11 beliefs, has always been positive and proactive in his personal
12 and professional style of leadership, and has been a frequent
13 visitor to the schools and classrooms in the district; he knows
14 every staff member by name and genuinely cares about each one,
15 knows students by name and interacts with them on a personal
16 level, makes people feel welcome, is a good listener, and has a
17 great sense of humor; most importantly, he has demonstrated his
18 unwavering advocacy for children, striving to ensure that all
19 students would rather be at school than at a baseball game;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we thank Dr. Baskin for his many years of service and
24 outstanding leadership in public education and congratulate
25 him on his retirement plans of playing golf and watching the
26 University of Arizona Wildcats play college basketball; and be
27 it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to Dr. Lawrence M. Baskin as an expression of our
30 appreciation.